

**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.116 -  
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE - EXAMINING GROUP 8066**

Attorney's Docket No. 038190/268379

PATENT

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re: Buford et al. Confirmation No.: 8066  
Appl. No.: 10/706,480 Group No.: 1725  
Filed: October 27, 2003 Examiner: Lynne Renee Edmondson  
For: SYSTEM AND ASSOCIATED FRICTION STIR  
WELDING (FSW) ASSEMBLY, CONTROLLER AND METHOD  
FOR PERFORMING A FRICTION STIR WELDING OPERATION

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**PETITION AND FEE FOR EXTENSION OF TIME 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)**

1. This is a petition for an extension of time for a total period of one (1) months to respond to the Office Action dated July 25, 2006.
2. Applicant is  a small entity;  other than a small entity.
3. Calculation of extension fee (37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(1)-(a)(5)):

| Total Months<br><u>Requested</u>              | Fee For Other<br>Than Small Entity | Fee for<br><u>Small Entity</u> |
|---|------------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> one month | \$120.00                           | \$60.00                        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> two months           | \$450.00                           | \$225.00                       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> three months         | \$1,020.00                         | \$510.00                       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> four months          | \$1,590.00                         | \$795.00                       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> five months*         | \$2,160.00                         | \$1,080.00                     |

*\*Cannot be used to exceed six-month statutory limit for response to an Official Action.*

A check in the amount of \$ is enclosed.  
 Charge Deposit Account No. 16-0605 for the extension fee (\$120.00).  
 All fees are being authorized to be charged to Deposit Account No. 16-0605 when electronically filing  
 Charge Deposit Account No. 16-0605 for any fee deficiency.

Respectfully submitted,



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